FISCAL NOTE

SB 1997

March 12, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires off-highway motor vehicles to pay a registration fee to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The fee would be \$10 for individuals with a valid combination hunting and fishing license, hunting license or sportsmans license and \$45 for all others. Any vehicle used on the land of the landowner, lessor, or their spouse or children would be exempt.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures:

\$500,000 One-Time/Wildlife Resources Fund \$800,000 Recurring/Wildlife Resources Fund

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$2,000,000/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions:

- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$500,000 to set up the program.
- 100,000 applicants per year
- The cost to register each applicant would be \$8.
- A recurring cost of \$800,000 per year to administer the program.
- 70% of the applicants would have one of the hunting or fishing permits required to pay the \$10 rate.
- 30% of the applicants would have to pay the \$45 rate.
- Based upon projections of 100,000 applicants and the percentage of applicants paying each rate, as noted above, there would be a recurring increase in state revenues exceeding \$2,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director